"Ruins"
My first impression of her home
SFX: THUMP
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But a strange sense of stagnation had settled in, one like the corrosion of its severed past
Not that it appeared like one
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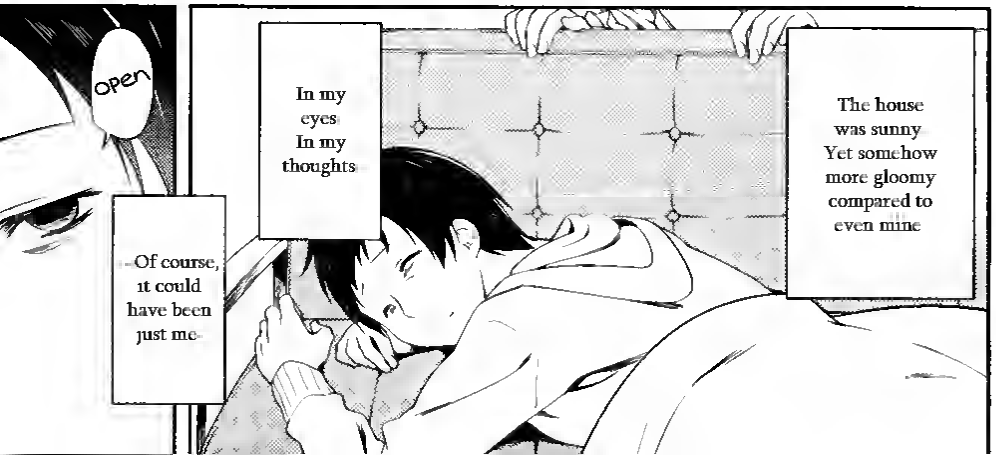
Open
Of course, it could have been just me
In my eyes In my thoughts
The house was sunny Yet somehow more gloomy compared to even mine

Words of love
title
Words of hope.
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Twitch
...AM I DREAMING...?
.....
..MOTHER?
SFX FLINCH
FIRST NAME?
HEH?
I'M... YOSHIKAWA.
AH, ERM...
YOUR BOYFRIEND IS...
THIS MAN?
.....
YUURI...
...TO-
...TOUNOSUKE.

...I'LL MAKE TEA.
PLEASE, TAKE A SEAT.
SFX: STIFFEN
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HOW STUPID.
YOUR VOICE AND NAME ARE NOTHING LIKE HIS.
HEHE..
YUURI... TAKE THAT ONE.
HOW DOES YUURI REMAIN THAT CALM...?
WELL, NOT LIKE I CAN TASTE IT WITH THIS HEAVY SILENCE...
SFX: SCRAPE
THE TEA'S SWEET ...
RATHER, IT'S TOO SWEET...? WHAT IS THIS?
SFX: SIP

I NEVER KNEW...
I HEARD FROM HIM AFTER THAT.
YOU DID VISIT MANY TIMES BEFORE THAT.
SFX PINCH
YUURI.
...I SUPPOSE YOU WOULD.
I WAS A HORRIBLE MOTHER.
YOU EVEN ASKED HIM TO KEEP IT FROM ME.
AND AVOIDED THE TIMES I WOULD BE THERE.
YUU-RI?
...
SFX SCRAPE
TO BE HONEST... I HATE MYSELF...

...Yuuri seemed calm, as though she understood it all
SORRY.
Pat
Their ill feelings, their discord, were all dispelled
By that mere act of sitting down for tea.

I had not the slightest idea why.
And,

Never to ever return, covered in wounds.
I figured I would've been chased out.
...THIS IS...
KIND OF UNFAIR, HUH?

And I might've chosen to take her in, then
She would console me.
IS THAT ANYTHING MORE THAN AN OUTLET FOR YOUR GUILT?

All that remained were the closing credits.
And,
the tale of this girl and her family ended so, in a far too nonchalant manner
Individual lines of words not assembled into stories.
WHEN WILL YOU SURFACE FROM THAT DELUSION?
YOU FOOL.

AH, THAT'S RIGHT.
LOOK, LOOK!
OH.
I HEARD HE CAN'T STAY AT THAT SAME HOSPITAL FOREVER.
WE HAVE TO HEAD FOR ONE PRETTY FAR AWAY THIS TIME...
SO, WE'RE MOVING.

SFX: BOOM
TA-DA!
A MOBILE PHONE! THEY GOT ONE FOR ME!
HEY, HEY, TELL ME YOUR ADDRESS?
I'LL TEXT YOU EVERY DAY!
...SURE, I'LL TELL YOU.
SFX: KYAA KYAA
...BUT CAN YOU PROMISE NOT TO CONTACT ME UNTIL YOU'RE 20?
EH...?
WHY?
I MEAN, LOOK, YOUR FAMILY IS AGAINST YOU DATING ME, AREN'T THEY?
YOU'VE CAUSED YOUR PARENTS ENOUGH GRIEF, YOU KNOW?
AND STAYING WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME? GET TO AN AGE WHERE YOU CAN PROUDLY CLAIM TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS.
IF YOU STILL FEEL THE SAME ABOUT ME THEN...

SURE, GO ON AHEAD.
YOU CAN COME BARE-HANDED.
SEND ME A TEXT.
AND COME ON OVER.
AAH...
GUESS THAT'S THE END FOR US, HUH...?
SURE COULD'VE GONE FOR ONE LAST ROUND WITH HER AT THE END.
NUAAAHH
SHOULD'VE AT LEAST GROPED THOSE BOOBS...
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YOU COULD HAVE DONE SO.
SHAD-DUP
YOU THINK I COULDN'T READ THE MOOD?
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
NN?
SFX. TREMBLE

SFX FLAP
IT WILL BE ANOTHER 4 YEARS BEFORE ADULTHOOD FOR THAT GIRL.
IT MAY BE "ANOTHER 4 YEARS" FOR YOU, BUT...
YEAH.
—IT'S HIGH SCHOOL FOR HER.
A PRECIOUS TIME.
THE MOST DAZZLING AND EVENTFUL PERIOD OF ONE'S LIFE.
SHE'S HEADING INTO THE BLOOM OF YOUTH.

THAT SHEER ONE PAGE OF MEMORIES WITH YOU. THAT YEAR AND A HALF WILL BE SWEPT AWAY WITHOUT A TRACE.
YOU WILL HEAR NO MORE OF HER.
...NN...
YOU KNOW, I'M IN A GREAT MOOD RIGHT NOW.
ONE ENOUGH FOR ME TO KEEP GOING UNTIL YUURI COMES BACK.
AND, YEAH,
I REALIZED SOMETHING SIMPLY AMAZING, BUT MIND HEARING ME OUT?
?

SFX: ROLL
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EVEN IF SHE TURNS 20 AND THAT DAY DOESN'T COME,
Scratch
COULDN'T SHE CHANGE HER MIND?
MAYBE IT'LL TAKE ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER YEAR, OR ANOTHER DECADE.
THEN ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TO BELIEVE THAT COULD HAPPEN UNTIL I DIE.
LIKE, WOAH.
oke up first, ll go buy fast~

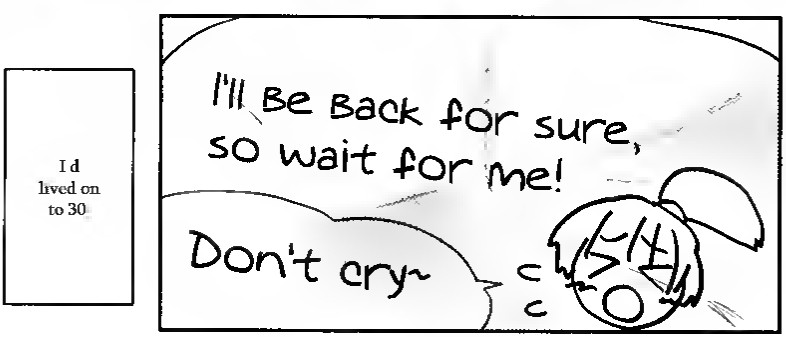
I'M TOTALLY INVINCIBLE UNTIL THE DAY I DIE, YOU KNOW?
YEAH,
THAT'S THE STORY I'M GOING WITH.

SFX STEAM
...SORRY HOW OUR FIRST DATE IN A WHILE TURNED OUT LIKE THAT.
Slurp
NAH, IT'S OKAY.
WE DID GO TO THE ZOO THAT TIME, SO LET'S CALL IT QUITS.
BUT WE'RE DEFINITELY GOING SOMEWHERE DURING SUMMER BREAK.
THERE'S TATSUNOBU'S BIRTHDAY TOO, RIGHT?
I'LL GET THE PRESENT, SO LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER
...YEAH, THANKS.
Drip
RINGING
Mother
TELL
Mother

This is no love.
...H-
HELLO?
This is a yearning.
This is a wish.
...WHY ARE YOU CALLING ME AT THIS HOUR?
NO, I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF WORK OR ANYTHING...
IT'S JUST BEEN SO LONG...
Hello, mother?
Yes, don't worry, I'll be home soon.
And thus, a hope.
WHAT, TWO AND A HALF YEARS WASN'T VERY LONG FOR YOU?
..RIGHT, SURE BUT STILL...
...NO, WELL, FINE.
AND SO?
EH?

BIRTH-DAY?
MINE?
I welcomed my birthday with the many words of hope from Yuuri.
A birthday I'd never even told her about, having forgotten about it due to how little it mattered

SFX: FLUTTER
I'll be back for sure, so wait for me!
Don't cry~


I'd lived on to 30
I'll be back for sure, so wait for me!
Don't cry~

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